there is no codified fixed law now; there are only rules, conventions and usages now. The Marumakkathayam Law applicable to the Nayars has been codified. I want if possible to extend those provisions to the other communities also. If there is any individual or any member of a community or any number of Members belonging to different communities who want to be excluded, there is ample provision made in the Nayar Regulation. I, therefore, appeal to the good sense of the Member who is opposing not to press the matter to a division. That is all what I want to submit at this stage.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—I oppose. There is a section even among the Nayars who think that the Nayar Regulation is not beneficial, They think that the Nayar Regulation has brought about more harm than good.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—You can repeal it.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—I am not aware of any other community who are desirous of having such a Regulation.

President.—Some of the Wariars, for instance, wanted this.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—And some of the Namboodiris also; but what became of the Bill that was passed by the Council? It is only for ascertaining whether there is any real necessity—whether those other communities who follow the Marumakkathayam Law desire to have such a law—that I oppose this. My friend does not say that any of those communities desires to have such a law. That is the only ground on which I oppose it.

President.—So you want this to be put to the vote ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Even at this stage I entreat the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the opposition and not to bring the matter to a division.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—It may be put to the vote.

Question proposed.—That the motion for leave to introduce "Mr. Kannan Nayar's Cochin Marumakkathayam Bill be passed."

(Question put and agreed to, Government voting for the same.)

Point of order re: the right to ask questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Before we pass on to the next item I have a regretful complaint to make. Of course, I do it with all the seriousness of it, and in the absolute interest of the harmonious working of this Council. Yesterday, I had the unfortunate position to move myself out of the Council, because I found that the rules to which I was appealing were not allowed to be read by the Deputy President on a point of order. I wanted to make certain observations and get certain explana-

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tions and I got up and I was told that I could not ask for such information, after my speech in the Council on the matter has been made. I submit that was absolutely against the orders provided for by the rules of this Council. Under Rules 17 and 18 observations and explanations are always allowed. I refer you, Sir, to page 36 of the Manual. Under Standing Order 17 a Member desiring to make any observations on any "matter before the Council shall speak from his place, shall rise in his speech and shall address the President. At any time if the President rises, any Member speaking shall resume his seat"; and Standing Order 18, "when, for the purposes of explanation during discussion or for any other sufficient reason, any Member has occasion to ask a question of another Member on any matter then under the consideration of the Council, he shall ask the question through the President". So, I say, I was perfectly within my rights to get certain explanations and put certain questions to the Member addressing the House in order to enable me to vote upon the matter. I do not say this from any spirit of animosity or anything of the sort. I regret the incident more than anybody else.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—You want to get a ruling revised?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The point of order is not clear.

President.—Has there been any ruling on this point at time?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I was told "I do not want any rules upon this matter". I was not allowed to question. I do not want to question the President s ruling. Far from it. I would entreat the Members here to hear me. The facts were these. The question of intermittent water supply was being discussed, and when the Hon'ble Member for Cheruthuruthi was addressing the House, I wanted to know how many lakhs of gallons were being pumped in the previous year. I was told that I cannot put such a question. Well, I am within my absolute right to question this according to Standing Orders 17 and 18.

President.—In the course of the discussion now and then questions are asked for information.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes, Sir, and when I said I shall quote the Rule, Iwas told"You should have asked for information before your speech was made;I do not want theRules". I did not complain about that. I submitted to the ruling; I respected the Chair. But I could not sit here. When I was told "I do not want the Rules," I said "If that is so then I do not want to be ruled". Of course, it is a very hard statement that I made and I regret it more than anybody else. I am asking if such a rule is made what is the remedy for the Member.

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President.—But how does it arise now?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—If you say that it does not arise now, I sit down.

President.—If at a particular time you ask for information and then I rule like this, that will be the time for you to raise the question.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The President said "I do not want the Rules". What am I to say then? That is the situation. It becomes conclusive for me, as far as the President of the day is concerned. When the Deputy President is in the Chair, I must respect him as much as the President, and when he says 'I do not want the Rules," I must keep quiet and go away from the place. What else can I do, if this House is not regulated by Rules and I am not allowed to quote a rule even!

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I do not think he ever meant like that.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In that particular incident I had the impression that the Member for Jews was interrupting the speech of the Member for Cheruvirutti. That was the impression we all had.

Mr. A B. Salem.—Of course it is one way to say I was interrupting and another way to say I was asking for information. If I was interrupting, there are rules for interruption.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.— We cannot go into the question. There is no point of order raised.

President.—All that I can understand is, you are referring to an incident which took place yesterday. You were affected by a ruling passed by the Chair, and when that ruling is enforced, that is the time for you to say I want the ruling to be re-considered. That is the proper way in which you should address the House and that is the time.

Mr. A. B. Salem — I cannot harbour poisonous gas in my breast. If I am ruled out I would ask how it can still be ruled out, so long as the Deputy President's statement is there, that he does not want the rules to go by.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— The Deputy President was the President at the time.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not think my learned doctor friend can grasp this point, in spite of his knowledge and experience! This is a very naughty point. The point is "what is the remedy open to a Member if he is told that he cannot quote a rule in a point of order". I am asking for a solution of this difficult problem and my learned friend wants to get up.

President.—All I can say is when the question arises for consideration I shall attend to it. It does not arise now.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I wanted to table an adjournment

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motion as it is a matter of recent occurrence. That would be more serious and I did not want it. Therefore, I brought the matter to your notice. Of course I regret it very much. If a statement is made that what was said was on the spur of the moment, I am prepared to accept it.

President.—Can you bring adjournment motions on the rulings of the Chair?

The Cochin Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill.

President.—Mr. M. K. Raman will ask for leave to introduce his Bill to amend the Cochin Chief Court Regulation.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I request leave of this House for introducing a Bill to amend the Cochin Chief Court Regulation.

President.—I believe there is no opposition.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—If there is no opposition it may be taken to have been granted.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It has to be formally put, Sir.

President.—Every motion must have the consent of the Council.

(*Question put and agreed to, the Government remaining neutral.*)

The Cochin Nayar Regulation Amendment Bill.

President.—The next item in the agenda is Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar's Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Sir, I beg leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

Leave was granted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar's. Marumakkathayam Bill.

President.—The next Bill stands in the name of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Cochin Marumakkathayam Bill.

President.—Is this Bill different from the Bill just introduced by Mr. Kannan Nayar?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar. There is some slight difference.

(*Leave was granted.*)

The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill.

President.—The next Bill is Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja's Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure. The Member is absent. He will have to bring in a fresh motion.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

23. Drinking water to certain villages.

President.—We shall now deal with resolutions. We have to resume our discussion on resolution No. 23 standing in

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